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Weather
Sunny and cold

Carmen's cookin'!

SAC president Carmen Angi dishes up another $1 all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast for a satisfied customer. The cafeteria served about 500 pancakes last Wednesday but expected to sell 1,800. The batter runneth over.

(Photo by Cronin)

Applications up, grads in a panic?

Niagara College has received 1,000 applications for September enrolment, twice as many as received by mid-January last year.

There were 500 applications received by the admissions office by mid-January last year. This year there have been 1,000 applications with more arriving every day, Mary Petruzella, admissions officer, said.

A reason for the large number of applications received so far "could be high school applicants are getting their applications in early for they know our programs are usually over-subscribed," Miss Petruzella said.

"High school graduates may be in a panic," she said. "They have finished high school and may not qualify for university so they don't know what they will do if they don't get accepted into the college.

"We have had students and parents calling already to check to see if the applications have been received."

Demand is high for Niagara College business, nursing and dental assistant programs.

"I anticipate all our programs will be filled," she said.

"While we have more applications at this time, I don't get excited about this until around August, when they have their tuition fees paid and I see the whites of their eyeballs," Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said. "You just kind of have to wait until they pay their fees because a lot of them have applied to more then one college or university."

For the 1982-83 year, 6,500 applications were received and 3,500 students accepted into Niagara College programs.

The increase in applicants is partly due to the economic situation because jobs are not readily available for high school graduates, John Giancarlo, executive dean of the college, said. More young people want to go on to post-secondary education.

Students know college graduates have been quite successful in finding positions after graduation, he said. More students are thinking of college as an excellent choice.

"I think Niagara enjoys a pretty good reputation among colleges," he said.

Niagara College offers a variety of unique programs. "The word gets around among students that there are certain programs worth pursuing."

Another important factor is that students do not want to go to Toronto or other large cities because it is costly for them, what with transportaion and living expenses, he said. Many of the students at the college come from the college area—the large cities in the vicinity of the college.

"I think it's a very encouraging sign," he said.

Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of student and educational services, said, "It is important to realize that we're not sure how this will translate into first choices or how many people will actually come here. We're below the system average in college application increases.

"We're drawing from a smaller pool of students. But I think it's great that students are becoming more concerned and careful. They're getting their applications in on time."

New Native program to start this month

Providing basic job search skills is the goal of a program designed specifically for the native peoples of the Niagara Region.

The program, which is expected to begin at Niagara College some time this month, is now awaiting official word from the federal government and approval of the academic affairs committee of the Board of Governors of the college, John Giancarlo, executive dean of the college, said.

The idea for the program originated with Joe Hester, executive director of the Niagara Regional Native Centre. Mr. Hester has been working with David Davies, chairman of human development at the college, and Virgie Roberts-Hannah, program co-ordinator of Basic Job Readiness Training, in co-operation with the Canada Employment Centre to develop the program. It is to be called Native Peoples in Transition: An Approach to Vocational Orientation.

The program has also taken elements of other programs such as those at Cambrian College in Sudbury and George Brown College in Toronto, Mr. Giancarlo said.

Some of the objectives of the program are to help native peoples improve communication skills, make inventories of their aptitudes and abilities and explore occupational and educational opportunities.

"Education makes any person more self-reliant and self-confident," Mr. Giancarlo said.

Elections coming

Nominations will be accepted from Feb. 9 to 18 for students interested in running for next year's Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive.

SAC president Carmen Angi announced the opening of nominations this week in preparation for the March elections.

Three members of this year's SAC have made tentative plans to run in the elections.

Parking lot smash-ups, vehicles 'out of control'

Freezing rain spelled disaster for some drivers last Monday as they slid into parked cars in the Niagara College parking lots. Although the aisles had been sanded, the parking areas missed the sanders attention and resembled "skating rinks."

Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said those cars involved in accidents "were travelling too fast, their vehicles were out of control."

"It's impossible to sand areas where cars are already parked," he said. "There is no question of the college's liability, obviously."

A driver whose car hit another car said the parking lot was "like a skating rink." He said he swung in to take a parking spot and his car skidded into another car causing substantial damage.

Many cars lightly bumped into each other causing no apparent damage while some cars were spun around from the force of impacts.

Timetables 'confusing,' grids may be back

When students can't understand something, they complain, and such was the case when a new timetable format was introduced to Niagara College in January.

The decision to change to the different timetable format was "collectively decided by the registrar and the computer centre employees," John L. Parrett, registrar, said.

"We were under tight constraints on programming last year so we didn't have time to use the usual grid format on the timetables," Louise LeRoux, computer centre manager, said. The college was changing its grade system and the grid timetable "takes longer to program" than the new format, she said.

MAY GO BACK

The new college computer system, On-line College Information System, could process a grid timetable and "there's a possibility of going back to the grid format," Ms. LeRoux, said. "But it depends on priorities. If senior management says so, we will change back to the grid timetable."

Some students complained they were unable to understand the new format. "People complain if there's any change, Ms. LeRoux said. "I find it difficult to believe someone capable of taking a college course isn't able to understand a 24-hour clock."

The computer system is being used to aid in the processing of timetables. "The computer is able to pick up conflicts in timetables," Ms. LeRoux said. If a student has been scheduled into two classes in the same period, the computer will detect it.

CAN PRINT

The computer prints the timetables, but grid timetables have to be typed manually. "It was a full month job for two people to type out the grid timetables," she said. The new timetable format saves time on the typing end. "The computer takes the clerical load and replaces it with computer time. "I hate to see people typing for a month."

Inside the News

Rags to Riches

Glamor was the theme of the fashion show held last Tuesday by the fashion arts students in the Hamilton Room. Students designed, made and modelled their own creations for an appreciative crowd.

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Are you happy?

A recent gallup poll found Canadians to be among the happiest people in the world. Our intrepid sleuths dredge the secrets to happiness from some Canadians on campus.

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Snowfest 83

Less than record crowds graced Snowfest this year. Those who did turn out had a good time. Almost all the Great White North Dress-up contestants were winners. For $1 you could get all the pancakes you could eat and the hay ride had real horses.

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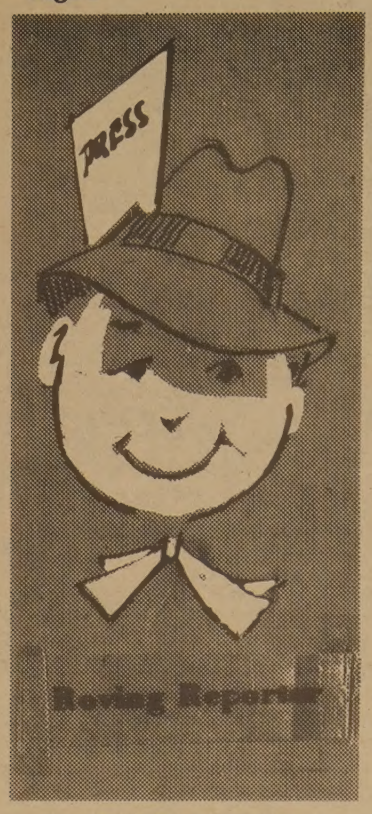


By GLORIA RIZZUTI
and LORRAINE KRISKI
Staff Writers

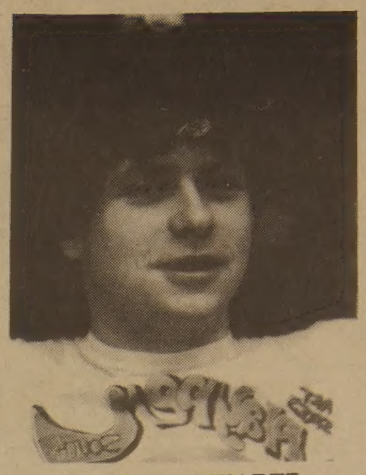
A recent Gallup poll suggests Canadians are among the happiest and most satisfied people in the world. Are you happy? What makes you happy?

DOROTHY OLDEN

Dorothy Olden, second-year dental hygiene: Yes, I could say that. I don't have any money, but I'm one of the happy Canadians.

Adrienne Brunet, second-year law and security: Yes. Canada's a place of opportunity. Oh, I'm happy. I have a chance to go to school, I have a happy family—sometimes, and I've got a lot of friends.

Dave Morningstar, first-year business administration: Yes, I can't complain right now, but still you have to wonder if you're going to get a job once you're finished school.



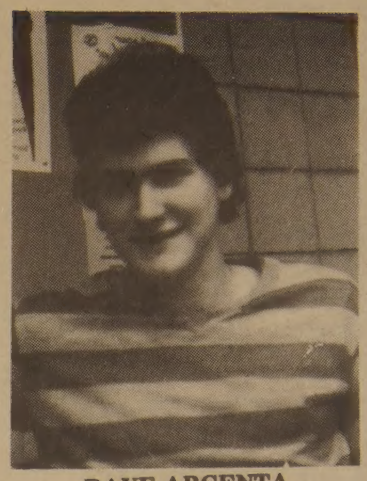
DARREN SWARTZ

Darren Swartz, first-year data processing: Sure, because it's great to be young and be able to party.

Dan O'Neill, first-year business administration: Yes. I have a car, I've got a job. What is there not to be happy about?

Anita Talarico, second-year data processing: Yes, I am happy. I've got everything going for me. Everything is just going my way.

Mary DeAngelis, first-year data processing: I'm content. Yes, I'm happy. My boyfriend makes me happy.

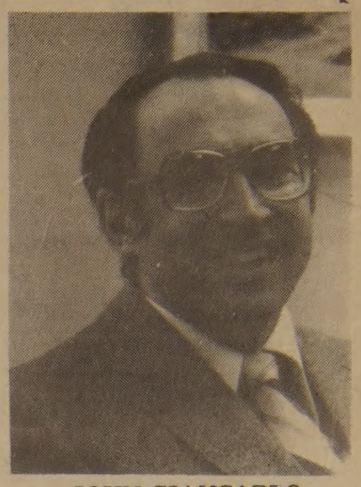


DAVE ARGENTA

Dave Argenta, first-year accounting-general business: Yes. I really don't know why. Just everything together.

Joan Hastings, sociology coordinator: Yes. Job satisfaction primarily gives me a great deal of happiness. Relationships with friends and students, perhaps, are the major reasons. Travel—that makes me very happy.(Mrs. Hastings leaves for Acapulco in four weeks)

Mark Johns, first-year accounting-general business: Yes. I guess because everything is available to you at your fingertips. If you want something, it's easy to find.



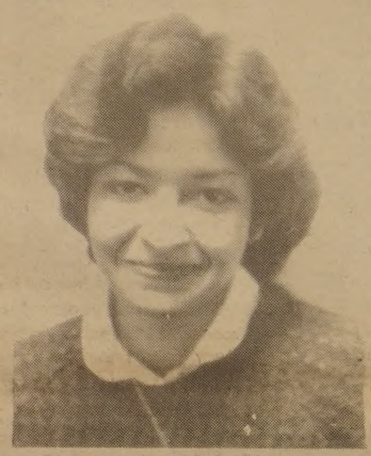
JOHN GIANCARLO

John Giancarlo, dean, school of applied arts: I am extremely happy. I'm happy to be part of Niagara College, and to be participating in the educating of young people. I think we have tremendous students at the college, and I'm very impressed with their talents. As a result, I'm happy to come in to work. Overall, I think I'm one of the happy Canadians.

John Langelaan, first-year business administration: Yes. Don't ask me why because I don't know. People in general.

Jacquie Lenson, first-year processing: Damn right I am. I don't know why. Life's a party.

DAVE MORNINGSTAR



MARY DeANGELIS

MARK JOHNS

JACQUIE LENSON

Glasses still in need

A dismal response from students and faculty in their eagerness to contribute used eyeglasses has disappointed the committee of the Niagara College chapter of the Eyeglass Program.

"A few of my friends and I thought we would be swamped with glasses the first few days," Diane Ujfalussy, chairman, said. "How wrong we were."

Only 54 pairs of glasses have been contributed in the first month of the program. "I can't believe this is all we have but I'm grateful to those who have contributed so far," Diane said.

"If people thought about the great need for the glasses, they wouldn't hesitate to at least make an effort to get a few. I know I may be pushing it, but I have to."

Boxes have been put in the upper, middle and lower lounges of the Simcoe Building and in the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office.

Most glasses have been depositied in the second-floor Simcoe lounge. No new pairs have been deposited in the SAC office. "I put 15 pairs in the box in the SAC office when I took it took it in there and there are still only 15 pairs," Diane said.

Contributions to the Eyeglass Program are distributed to needy people of the world who, otherwise, would not be able to afford clear vision.

Did you say hello to a stranger today?

By LOIS FERGUSON
Staff Writer

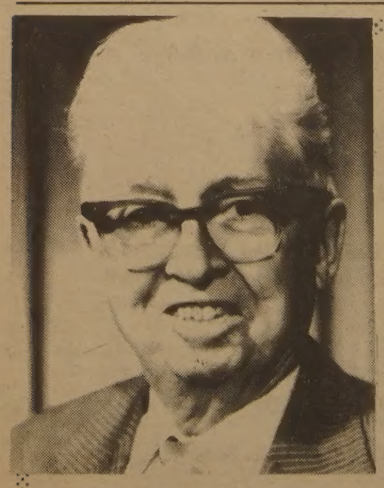
Here is a simple exercise. Sit in the main foyer and watch people passing, then notice how many stop to say a friendly "Hi" to another or even laugh at comments tossed at them. Results? Probably only one per cent of those who briskly walk by notice another person. Why, you ask?

Because society has dwindled to individualistic interests. Nobody seems to have the patience to hear another out, and everybody has one goal in mind: self-satisfaction. Being late for class is a valid reason for not looking at others, but much more contact between us should emanate from double lunch periods or from lingering in the lounges.

Do you know the people in your class? Sure, you know she gets high grades or he has a brother in Europe, but what about personal details most people are eager to supply to a listening ear?

Results? We spend most of our time talking about meaningless, egotistic matters instead of creating friendship. College should be the ideal place for friends to meet, people to relate to each other without academic engagements intervening and, most of all, it is the perfect setting for us to be ourselves.

Here is another exercise. Sit in the foyer and smile at whoever goes by. How many people smile back or give you a "weird-you-are" glance? That is another topic which could be expanded upon.



Ford fills vacancy on Board

William Ford of St. Catharines joined the Niagara College Board of Governors, effective Jan. 1. A chartered accountant, he has been associated with the college through advisory committees.

5th Literary Contest

The fifth Niagara College Literary contest, will be sponsored this year by the Student Administration Council(SAC). The contest is open to both full-time and part-time students.

Winners will be awarded plaques with their names inscribed along with scrolls.

The contest is divided into two categories — fiction and non-fiction. Fiction submissions may be made under the following sub-categories: poetry, short stories, plays, radio and TV scripts. Non-fiction submissions may be essays, scientific reports, surveys and investigative reports.

Maximum length for any submission should not exceed 10 typewritten pages, double spaced.

Submissions will be initially examined for their literary value by a team of judges. The best selections will be further examined by a different team of judges to decide on winners. Most of the judges will be members of the College faculty; some will be drawn from outside. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Depending on the quality of the work, as many as six submissions may be entitled to receive "Honourable Mention."

Submissions should be made on or before, Friday, March 11, 1983. Late submissions will not be accepted. Submissions should be delivered or addressed to the Secretary of the School of Applied Arts. Please attach to your submission on a separate sheet your name, address, student number, telephone number and the title of your submission.

Your submission will be given to the judges along with your student number. Your names will be concealed to protect your identity. No student can present more than one submission. Winners will be announced in the March 28th issue, Niagara News.

Organizers: Ray Mathews, James Nicholas, Gary Webb

Demand for secretaries growing, government jobs available

There is a growing need for good bilingual and unilingual secretaries in the Ontario government, a government spokesman told secretarial students recently.

"There will be more and more bilingual secretaries coming into the field," Dennis Yapps, coordinator of French Language Services in the ministry of consumer and commercial relations, policy and planning branch, said Jan. 25 in the Simcoe Room.

"The ministry is very pleased with graduates coming from Niagara College," he said.

It was the first time a representative from the French Language Services of the Ontario government has visited the college—which is designated a bilingual college— to give a presentation to secretarial students, Rosemary Cawthorn, co-operative education counsellor, said.

The presentation was given in both French and English.

"Bilingual secretaries are rare; beginning salaries are between $17,000 to $18,000 a year and she has to be excellent in both French and English," Mr. Yapps said.

THREE SPEAKERS

Mr. Yapps was joined by Robert Bourassa, assistant coordinator of French Languages Services for the ministry of health, and Karen Steele, personnel administrator for consumer and commercial relations.

The representatives spoke to bilingual secretary and secretarial arts co-operative students about future goals, needs and opportunities in various ministries.

"Positions are restricted and entry into the Ontario government is very difficult, but things will change," Mr. Yapps said. "We need secretaries and there are positions available."

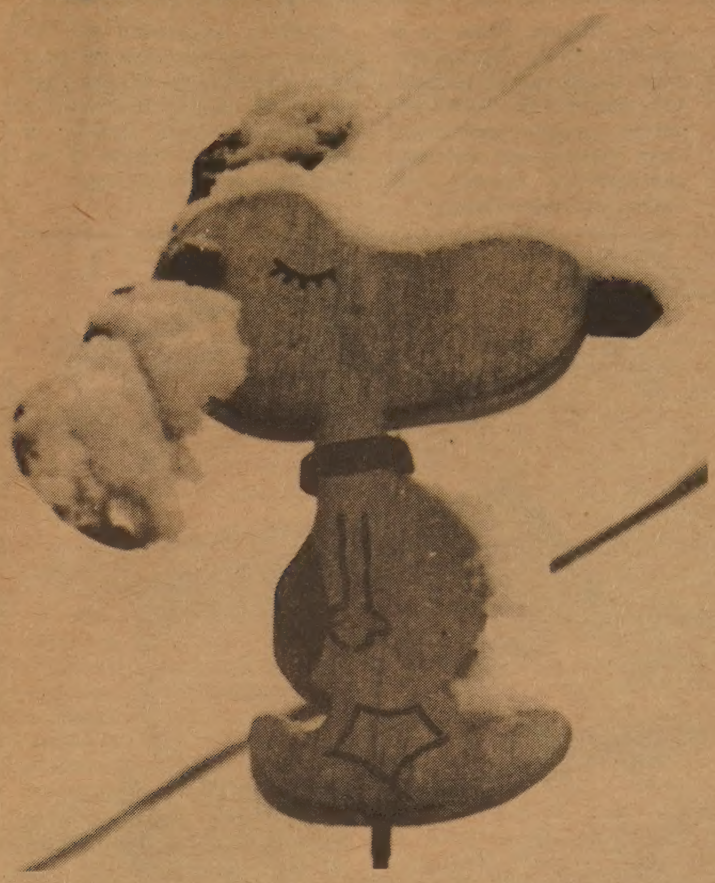
Students were given handouts, shown a film and charts explaining the interview and selection process employers use during employment.

Employers are looking for people with a lot of skills instead of specialties, Ms. Steele said.

The ministry of health is involved in a project with computers and sees openings for unilingual and bilingual secretaries in two years.

All three spoke about the Ontario government's opportunity programs, the do's and don'ts of an interview and the skills of job hunting.

Experience in working with the public is important in a job with the ministry, Ms. Steele said.



Snoopy may have been doing his spring dance last week after the groundhog predicted spring is just around the corner, but colder temperatures and snow flurries have put a cramp in his style. This not-so-animated weathervane indicates that spring may arrive when it is supposed to—in six weeks—and not any sooner.

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Nature's weatherman predicts early spring

By LETA CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

After months of dreary, cold and wet weather, everyone finally let out a sigh of relief. Last Wednesday, the most notorious weather prophet gave the weather a clean bill of health and predicted an early spring.

The citizens of Wiarton, Ont., call this weather prophet Wiarton Willie; the citizens of Punxsutawny, Pa., call him Punxsutawny Phil. Most people know him as the common groundhog.

Every Feb. 2, millions of people across North America throw away Accu-weather predictions and eagerly await the groundhog's primitive predictions for spring. In Wiarton, the only place in Canada to officially celebrate Groundhog Day, an albino groundhog, Wiarton Willie, came out of his warm burrow and forecast an early spring. Wiarton Willie emerged at 4 a.m. to see a heavly overcast sky and rain.

According to American superstition, the groundhog emerges every Feb. 2 from hibernation. If he sees his shadow, the next six weeks will be cold and wintry. If he does not see his shadow, everyone can anticipate an early spring.

The idea of Groundhog Day originated in Germany and Great Britain and was brought to America. It is actually a variation of European tradition that a sunny Candlemas Day, also on Feb. 2, meant a long winter.

Candlemas Day, 40 days after Christmas, is a Christian festival that celebrates the purification of the Virgin Mary after the birth of Jesus.

Although everyone looks forward to seeing the groundhog's hibernation end, his popularity is generally short-lived. Even so, everyone eagerly welcomes back the groundhog after a long, cold winter.

SAC assures no more disturbances

The Student Administrative Council(SAC) will stop the noon movies for "an indefinite period" if students continue to disturb the movie appreciation class which runs to 12:10 p.m. in the Hamilton Room.

In response to a letter of complaint sent to the Niagara News, Carmen Angi, SAC president, said SAC will post someone at the door to prevent a re-occurrence.

"I guarantee this won't happen again," he said. "If this occurs again, movies will be stopped for an indefinite period."

A first-year radio and television broadcasting class was in the Hamilton Room, Jan. 27, watching an early sound film, Scarface, as part of a film appreciation course when students trying to get a good seat for the noon movie, On Golden Pond, came into the room, disturbing the class.

RTV student Rhonda Eckhardt wrote a letter to the Niagara News complaining of the intrusion.

"If you think safety is too costly, try an accident"

Union seeks more

The Council of Regents has offered a 7½ per cent salary increase to all community college teachers, but the union negotiating team is seeking a nine per cent increase.

Craig McKay, Niagara College English teacher and member of the negotiating team, informed all academic members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) local 242 that the Council of Regents is willing to talk about some of the other elements of the offer that was rejected in September by the faculty.

The negotiating team met with the team from the Council of Regents on Thursday, Jan. 27.

The union negotiating team suggested a salary increase of nine per cent and restated faculty concerns in the area of workload and job security.

Items of little or no cost such as equal vacation entitlement, bringing the benefit scale of the dental plan up to the current year and the working of various clauses could and should be changed at mutual consent and to mutual advantage, the memo said.

If faculty had not rejected the offer of the Council of Regents in September, the union would have accepted less than the present offer, Mr. McKay said.

Pancake breakfast falls flat on SAC

Only about 62 people showed up for a $1 pancake breakfast last Wednesday, a marked contrast to the long line-ups at last year's event. Student Administrative Council (SAC) executive members blame the low turnout on a lack of publicity.

"Promotion was a problem," Tony Rao, vice-president of external affairs, said. There was an advertisement in the Niagara News but it came out too late, he said.

Tony joined SAC president Carmen Angi behind the counter to serve pancakes to the expected mobs.

Door prizes of tickets to The Komedy Kabaret at Charlie Chan's were given away to five lucky pancake eaters during the event which lasted from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

"It's a sign of the economic times," Carmen said of the poor turnout.

Iris Duckett, cafeteria staffer said the cafeteria bought enough batter to make 1,800 pancakes, the amount sold last year. Only 500 were sold this year and the batter will have to be frozen for another such event.

'We speak French'

Small counter-top signs reading "Nous parlons Francais ici" will be installed in areas of educational student services.

The French signs suggested by the French language services advisory committee, were passed by the Board of Governors meeting on Jan. 24.

Translated the sign reads "We speak French here."

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NIAGARA AMATEUR COMEDY HOUR CONTEST

WHEN: Feb. 24(Thurs.)
WHERE: Hamilton Room
TIME: 12:30
Student comedians can enter at S.A.C. office before Feb. 21.

First Prize - $200.00
Second Prize - $75.00
Third Prize - $25.00

The guest judge will be Chris Lam, M.A. of Kim Court and promoter of Chan's Komedy Kabaret. The winner will be asked to appear at an upcoming Komedy Kabaret.

Guest M.C.'s will be Tony "C" Rao and John "C". Angi ("C" is for comedy of course)

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EDITORIALS

Happy? For sure!

A recent Gallup poll has discovered that Canadians are among the happiest people in the world and it should come as no surprise to us who are Canadians.

Even though we are facing hard economic times—perhaps because of them—we are able to look on the bright side. This is a basic part of the Canadian personality.

We have always compared ourselves in one way or another to what we have considered the great foreign powers, and usually we have come out second best.

We're not as powerful as the United States; we're not as refined as the British; we're not as elegant as the French, nor are we as colorful as the Spanish or Italians.

Conservatism and everything in moderation appear to be the by-words of Canadians. But this principle has served us well in the long run.

Perhaps we are not as powerful as the United States, but have we ever truly sought power? We certainly do not suffer from the international problems that the U.S. suffers from.

We have not given up common sense in the interests of refinement or elegance and the flamboyance and fire of other countries seem to have been gained through the hard work and suffering of the lower classes.

According to the poll, 93 per cent of Canadians were proud of their country and so we should be.

People all over the world are starving, but not in Canada. Countries everywhere are involved in minor and major disputes with other countries, but not Canada.

We seem to suffer from the same internal problems that plague other countries, but not on the grand scale that they do.

Perhaps our sense of security and contentment comes from the quiet knowledge that we could survive on our own if we had to. We have food, fuel, and enough raw materials to see us through any emergency.

Are Canadians happy? We would be an ungrateful lot if we weren't!

Wilda Cochrane

Waste of money?

Signs, signs everywhere a sign
Blocking up the scenery, breaking my mind.
Do this, don't do that, can't you read the sign?
(Five Man Electrical Band)

On the recommendation from the French language services advisory committee, the Board of Governors passed a decision to purchase small counter-top signs reading, "Nous parlons francais ici" to be installed in those areas of educational and student services.

Translated the sign reads, "We speak French here." These signs will be located "where there is someone who can speak French."

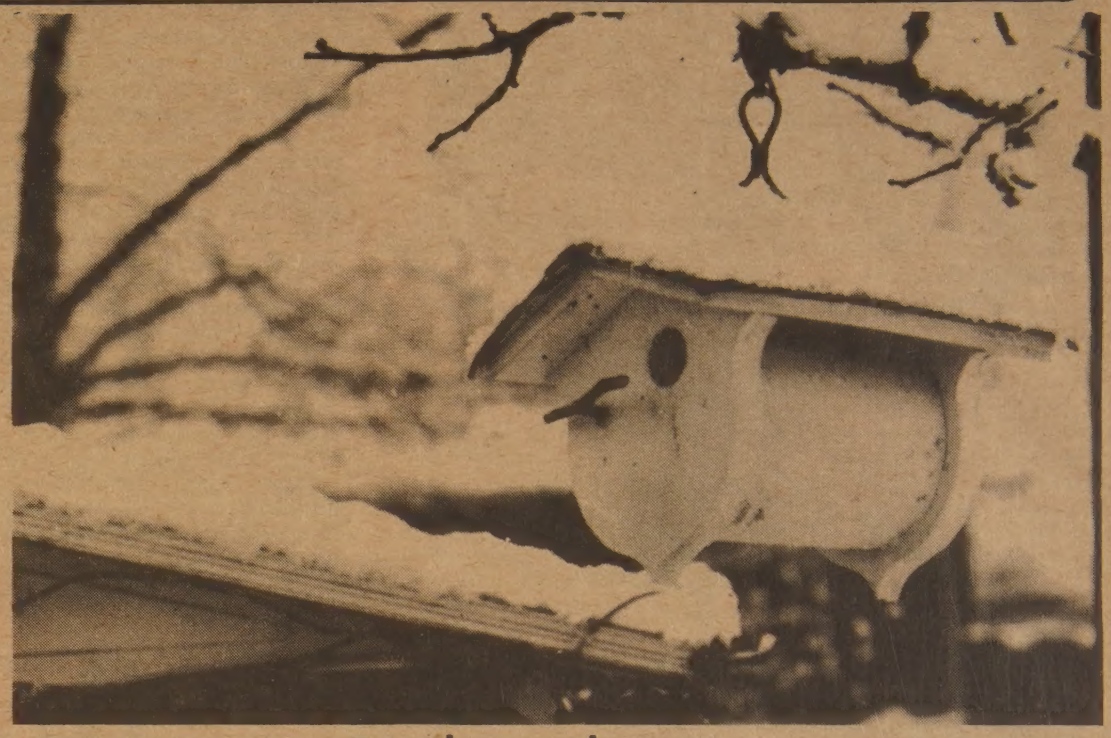
The money to be spent on these signs would be far better spent on French-Canadian books or on the purchase of more material for francophone courses. To put up signs around the college that say, "We speak French here" is not only a total waste of college money, but also useless.

It's not the signs that make Niagara a bilingual college; it is the cultural make-up of the Welland area and the student body that makes us a unique educational centre and one of the few bilingual colleges in Ontario.

Many signs are made to put up barriers, to divide people. I hope when the signs, "Nous parlons francais ici" are installed around the college, students will remember this editorial. Let it be a symbol of the bureaucracy and nonsense that we are faced with every day of our lives.

This is not a cultural issue. It is strictly bad economics and waste, but maybe this is just a sign of the times. No pun intended.

Tony Barrett



Birds welcome

English sparrows may have been gathering nest-building materials last week during the more balmy weather, but a dusting of snow and colder temperatures have cooled their ardor. The birds, like humans, will have to wait a little longer for spring, despite what the groundhog predicted Feb. 2 when he did not see his shadow.

Bullpit

Hecklers create confusion, performers deserve apology

By MICHELLE GAGNON
Staff Writer

Mike Mandel and Bob Gray, performers at the Jan. 27 pub, deserve and apology from Niagara College.

Forced to leave the stage in the midst of their show, they never had a chance to demonstrate their talents. They were never given the chance.

Asked if they would return to the stage and continue their act, Mike and Bob refused. I admire them for standing their ground. Only complete idiots would have dared expose themselves to disrespectful and drunken insults a second time.

Besides, the damage was irreversible considering the delicate nature of the following act—hypnosis. The fragile bond between audience and performer had been severed.

ALL TO BLAME

The Student Administrative Council should not have allowed the interference to continue as long as it did, and the audience shouldn't have sat by and let others ruin it for us. We are all to blame. We let the situation progress to the point where Mike and Bob had to admit defeat, and walk away to save face and professional pride.

I am ashamed that I was there to see such shabby treatment of two highly acclaimed and talented performers. The name of Niagara College will probably leave a bad taste in their mouths for a long time to come.

We, as students of a post-secondary institution, are assumed to be mature. The friends we bring to these events should be mature as well. After all, the law holds us responsible for our actions after 16. It also says we are capable of handling alcohol after 19. Obviously, these assumptions are not always well-founded.

I hope (with not much conviction, mind you) that this is the last time we'll ever blacken the reputation of Niagara College in this or any other way. It is not anything to be proud of and certainly nothing to brag about. I hope that those who were responsible didn't further illustrate their ignorance by laughing over it in the sober light of morning.

"Kids will be kids", and unfortunately, so will adults.

Writers, journalists, editors

Celebrate saints' feast days

By VANESSA BATCULES
Staff Writer

Who would have imagined that saints, journalists and editors would come up in the same sentence? It so happens that editors and journalists have their own patron saints whose feast days were at the end of January.

The feast days of St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of writers and journalists, is Jan. 29 and of St. John Bosco, friend of boys and patron saint of editors, Jan. 31.

St. Francis de Sales was born in the castle of Sales in Savoy, France, in 1567. After recieving his education in Paris and Padua, he gave up brilliant secular prospects in response to a vocation to holy orders.

He began a mission to win the people of Chablis from Calvinism to Catholicism and succeeded despite personal sufferings and dangers.

St. Francis wrote two books, Introduction to the Devout Life and a Treatise on the Love of God, which had a deep influence on later spiritual writings. He died in 1622, was beatified in 1661, canonized in 1665 and declared patron of the Catholic press in 1923.

St. John Bosco was born in 1815 in the Piedmont area of Italy, and founded the Salesian Order based on the teachings of St. Francis de Sales.

He is said to have received a vision at age nine which was the first of many more. These visions aroused in him a keen interest in winning young boys to the Christian faith.

In 1859 he founded the Pious Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians). He achieved a great influence over the boys in the order with a minimum of constraint, discipline and careful watch over his pupils' development.

He actively promoted industrial schools and evening classes where young men could be apprenticed for secular vocations in a religious background.

Later in life he did much to foster missionary work and was beatified in 1929. In 1934 he cas canonized by the church and was given Jan. 31 as his feast day.

Sincere interest motivates budding scientist

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
A Psalm of Life [1839]
Stanza 7

By LORRAINE KRISKI
Staff Writer

When James McCarron was in Grade 1, his teacher, Sister Madeleine, called him the class scientist. "I guess I'm sort of proud of it."

He never wanted to be a fireman or a football star. In school, he spent recess reading, ate lunch alone and rarely spoke to his classmates.

Until later years in school, what is important is not academic, but how socially active a person is, James said. Being a football hero was never important to him.

At 19, James is more than just another handsome, friendly face. He has devoted his time, effort and money toward cancer research, specifically leukemia.

Working toward finding an anti-tumor agent, he is comparing the respiration of normal cells and tumor cells. He hopes to determine whether cancer cells are more susceptible to poison than normal cells.

Cost

It has cost James $11,000 to do his research so far. With a $250 donation from the Diocese of St. Catharines, he funded the research himself, taking out loans to cover the cost of the equipment, and taking a job in a clothing store to help pay off the loans.

He did his previous research at Brock University, but has a lab in his basement. For the moment, his research has been put on hold because he lacks the money to finish it.

Future plans

James would like to publish his work, using it to gain entrance, and a scholarship, to university. He is working toward a bachelor of arts degree. His plans for the future include working toward a master of arts degree, a doctorate, and getting into a medical program.

"I'm not smart, I just work hard," James said.

He hopes to be remembered for working hard at medical research—his dedication to his work being more important than his accomplishments.

"The most important aid in getting this done (his research) is the sincere desire to do it even if nothing comes of it," he said. A good scientist is one who has a sincere interest in his work.

James has been planning his research since Grade 9. He is fascinated by the problem he is working on, but thinks it may be a more complicated problem than he should be working on.

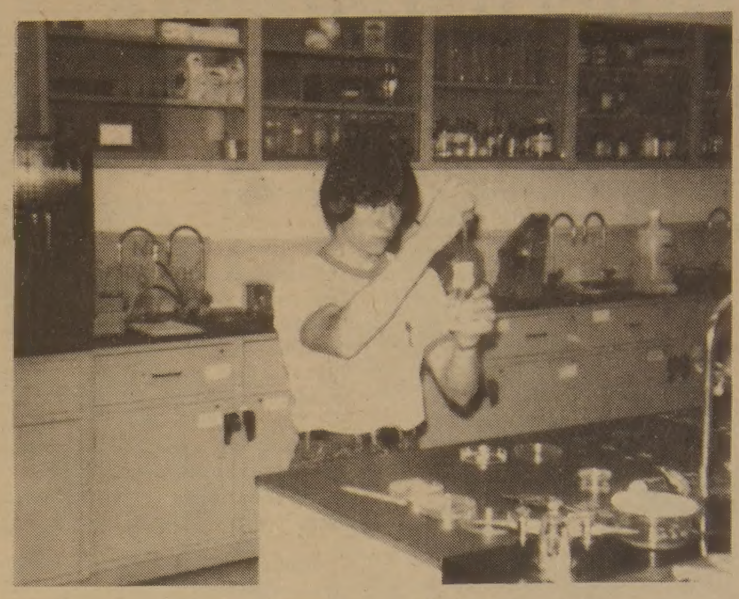
He started taking university correspondence courses in Grade 10, and has read every available book which pertains to his research.

His parents, Donald and Elizabeth, do not like the cost of the research, or the fact it is stopping his formal education—he could be in university this year—but they have helped fund the research.

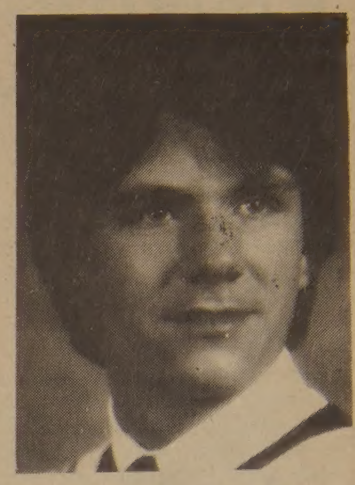
"I guess I convinced them it was worth it," James said. His family is interested in his work because he is interested in it.

"Science is what scientists do, nothing more and nothing less, and if anyone tells you different, they're not qualified to answer the question."

James seems to be amply qualified to answer the question. Twice he has won first prize in a regional science fair, and has been a finalist in an international science fair. He has won an award from the United States department of energy for developing a more efficient solar-collector. He was nominated in 1982 for the Ontario Junior Citizen award for persistence in science, and has received other awards.



JAMES IN HIS LAB



JAMES McCARRON

"The people I most respect" include Jesus; Boddhidarma, who brought Zen Buddism to China, and two teacher at Denis Morris High School, Bryan Flanigan, a biology teacher, and Russell Mudry, who teaches chemistry.

Philosophy

When considering his accomplishments, James recalled a philosophy which says a goal is not always something to achieve, but something to strive for. James has a goal, but unlike many people who never get to realize their dreams, he is doing something to achieve that goal.

"I want to win a Nobel prize."

SPECTRUM

Careers / Hobbies

Dolls worth more than sentimental value

By CAROL WORONCHAK
Staff Writer

Big blue or brown eyes with miniature features stare at you as you enter the room. Figures of all kinds, attired in fashions depicting their origin, are seated on chairs, couches or standing. But the eyes and figures are not human—they are the doll collection of Marian Grimes.

Marian, 55, a Sherkston resident, had 767 dolls when she last counted in May, 1980, and has bought more since. A secretary at Hard Rock Paving, Port Colborne, she also runs Marian's Doll Hospital for the repair of modern and antique dolls.

Her most valuable doll is an unmarked German doll, with real fur eyelashes, a fine graded bisque head and a pink leather body with bendable legs. It has to be older than 1880 when all dolls had to be marked with a date, Marian said.

Of the most sentimental value is one her son and his wife bought six months after the death of her first husband. They asked her what she wanted for her birthday and she told them a doll. Now she can't remember why, she said.

"When I look at them (the dolls), I'm remembering so many things," Marian said. Not only does she know where each doll is but also its history, what it represents and how it came into her possession. "I've been out of touch with my dolls for a while" and have forgotten some of their history, she said, looking at three large overflowing cases.

A doll with a Minerva tin head sold for 25 to 30 cents in 1903, but she could sell it now for $150 to $200 "depending on how much the collector wants it."

MARIAN GRIMES

In the early 1900s dolls were part of elaborate decorations as well as being useful. A three to four-inch doll with a bisque head was tied onto the back of a bedpost. These dolls evolved from a time when women used many pins with their dresses. The pins were stuck into a strip of flannel under the dolls' skirts, which were often twice the length of the doll itself.

Decoration

From the roaring 20s there were boudoir dolls and pin cushion dolls. Boudoir dolls were simply for decoration and sat on the bed. "It was the fad then," Marian explained. Her boudoir doll is well dressed in faded pink silk with black and pale blue lace trim. A matching hat frames her painted face.

"The original clothes are the best," as they add to the value of the doll.

Also dressed in pink is Marian's pin cushion doll with golden-brown lace trim. The face is made from a stone bisque which already has a flesh tone. "If the hands are away from the body, the doll is more valuable," Marian said. Her doll's hands are several millimetres away from its body.

From England Marian has three Norah Wellings dolls. The dolls wear velvet outfits and have moulded faces. Since they are not made any more, they have become collectors' items.

A granny with a hat, bag and umbrella; grandfather reading the newspaper and smoking his pipe; and grandmother knitting with a ball of red wool resting on her foot, are three dolls made by a woman in Berlin. They are made from foam with nylon over it and then sculpted with a needle. The dolls are worth $55 each when new and Marian has one in her collection that is 10 years old. They will be worth more when they are no longer made, Marian said.

From the Black Forest is a doll called the Lady Gardner. The doll is made from two large pine cones common to that area. For some reason the Lady Gardner seems to have a white fur beard but "I don't know what the joke is," she said.

You have to know what to look for. Marian has 12 miniatures called the Bathing Beauties which she bought at $5 each despite objections from her second husband, Bob, that there were 12 dolls in the box. The dolls are now worth $75 to $80 each.

Marian had an earlier collection but it was ruined by her brother and cousin. Her mother had said the dolls need a bath, so the two boys took them outside and "turned the hose on them." One doll that survived the "bath" needed some repair and Marian was unable to find anyone to fix it. She decided to repair the doll herself and took a course in doll repairs. After that "I just couldn't quit."

Marian's collection also contains a two-headed doll and a three-headed doll. The two-headed doll is the work of another collector. The 14-inch doll depicts Cinderella both at home sweeping and, when turned upside down, Cinderella at the ball. Marian likes the doll best in her poor working outfit.

The three-headed doll is called "Dippity Flip." It has little Red Riding Hood on one side and Grandmother on the other side.

Although she doesn't look old enough to be a grandmother, Marian said her grandchildren loved the doll until she showed them the wolf in Grandmother's clothes.

His own coat!

Louis Berai, fashion instructor, was quite surprised when this working smock was presented him on stage by second-year students at the evening fashion show on Feb. 1. The smock, made by Wendy Burton bears the motif, Rags to Riches, used on posters to advertise the show. Mr. Berai admires the design on the back of the shirt. (Photo by Barrett)

Electives to accommodate but students complaining

By PAT BRADLEY
Staff Writer

The unpredictability of both timetables and enrolment figures has led to some complaints on the part of students about a limited selections of English electives being offered this term.

However, when the electives are arranged, they are planned to accommodate all students required to take them, Dennis Malone, chairman of the English and communication arts division at Niagara College, said.

At the beginning of the year, the programs in which students are required to take English electives and the number of students in those programs is compared to registration figures. This provides a rough estimate of students who will have to take English electives.

"We then divide that number by an average class size, usually 30, to determine the number of electives that need to be offered," Mr. Malone said.

This term nine English electives were offered and "I was frankly surprised at the number of students who signed up. I thought I had enough, but I was probably out by about 75 to 100 students," Mr. Malone said.

CAN'T PREDICT

The major factor that adds to the number of students taking English electives is that students can take an English in place of a general elective, but not a general in place of an English, and "you can't predict that number from term to term," Mr. Malone said.

Since there are many more students taking general electives than English electives (about 1,000), if "five per cent of those taking general electives take an English instead, that works out to 50 students, enough to fill a whole class," Mr. Malone said.

Another factor is that some first-year students with English exemptions in first and second terms take the courses early to get them out of the way, Mr. Malone said.

Also, individual timetables may conflict with elective schedules and students simply may not be able to get into the elective of their choice.

SET IN OCTOBER

Electives for the winter term are set up in October and the assignment of electives is farily inflexible due to teacher/student timetables and even room availability, Mr. Malone said.

"The only real solution would be to plan on offering far more courses than you need, but it is expensive to operate with low class size," Mr. Malone said.

Students could begin picking their electives in September, but then they would be locked into their choices, and if they did not come back in January, it would throw the figures off again, Mr. Malone said.

The number of students taking electives from term to term cannot be accurately predicted; because of various factors, some students will not be able to take the class of their choice at the time they would like, Mr. Malone said.

As part of a technical report, John Barber, a third-year construction technology student, built a miniature model of a coffer dam. This section of the dam was originally 140 feet long and took about a month to build. It took John about eight hours to complete his model.(Photo by Stewart)

Miniature model builder puts hobby to new use

Building models was just a hobby for John Barber, a third-year construction technology student, until he saw a way to put his hobby to use.

As part of a technical report on civil works, John built a miniature model section of a coffer dam in the Niagara River. A coffer dam is a watertight enclosure built to protect men working on underground structures.

The model's scale is an inch per 140 feet, and it took about eight hours to make. "I decided to do it over the holidays," John said. It is a sideline to the project.

Applying modern construction methods to old construction projects is the subject of the report. "I got a great deal of information while working for the Niagara Society for Industrial History this summer," John said.

The Electrical Development Company built a coffer dam as part of a power project in 1903. It was constructed downstream of Dufferin Islands in Niagara Falls and surrounded a 10-acre area. The dam was divided into 140-foot sections each section taking about a month to complete.

"I used a large number of photographs to help me build the model," John said. One photograph of two men suspended on a beam was taken seconds before one of the men fell into the river and was drowned. "They must have lost 12 men on the project," he said.

The model was made from strips of balsa wood, small stones, plasticine and shellac and green resin is painted on to represent water. The coffer dam is topped with tiny men and a saddle-tank locomotive.

Computer shopping highlights conference

Computer shopping and a message from the king of Sweden were highlights of the 31st annual International Advertising conference in Chicago, Eileen Muir, instructor in Niagara's fashion arts program, said.

Mrs. Muir, whose subjects include advertising, has been to the convention 19 times. She said the purpose of the conference, held Jan. 28, 29 and 30 this year, is "to try to keep old hands up to the minute," which can be difficult with all the new technology.

Ralph Heineman, co-founder of the conference, was born in Sweden but came to the United States and started a small company which has become one of the world's largest.

The king of Sweden sent a personal message to Mr. Heineman, who is now retired, saying how proud they are of him in Sweden. A Swedish representative from a previous conference spoke so well of it that Sweden sent 24 delegates this year, and a presentation of the letter from the king was made to Mr. Heineman.

Conference topics covered all aspects of advertising, the most exciting of which "are coming from home-shopping services," Mrs. Muir said.

In Peabody, Mass., there is a cable station exclusively used for advertising, and the possibilities of shopping without leaving home through computers and cable was discussed, Mrs. Muir said.

Grocery stores can puts lists of their merchandise aisle by aisle into a computer and the shopper can punch it up on a keyboard, is billed by computer and the groceries are delivered, Mrs. Muir said.

The prospects of personalized service through the video media will eliminate advertising intruding on viewers' enjoyment. Viewers can seek out advertising on their own time in their homes.

"The people who are spending the money are those who don't have time to shop slowly," Mrs. Muir said. The video format is along the lines of a PM Magazine show and all aspects related to the goods being offered can be seen by the viewer. Banking, news and advertising would all be presented on separate stations.

The Retail Advertising Conference's "weekend college" lasted all of Saturday afternoon with a faculty of retail advertising experts presenting a total of 12 sections.

"Many thought it was quite novel to come to college for the weekend," Mrs. Muir said, but it gave each participant a chance to go to three different courses, each of which was run at different levels of knowledge and expertise.

"This particular conference is the only way I could keep up to date," Mrs. Muir said. "Students must be kept abreast of what's coming up."

Tug of war

By DIANE DE ANGELO
Staff Writer

Grunts and groans echoed through the gym as the Snowfest '83 tug of war contest was won by Tech in Training during double lunch last Thursday.

After defeating both the Speed and Ambulance teams, Tech in Training took the championship bout with ease. Team members are: Henry Ludva, Serge Giancaterino, Pino Biancaniello, Steve Marczi, Jim Fraser, Kevin Kramer, Dave Gatt, Dale Gohm, Dave Grimo and Dennis Noel.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) gave each team member an individual trophy plus one plaque, with the team members names engraved, to be kept at the college.

The Ambulance team, after being defeated during the first round, came back during the cons olation round to take second spot. As runners up, the team was awarded three free pizzas from Julio's.

After a representative from each of the three teams was briefed on the rules by Carmen Angi, SAC president, the war began. The muscle-straining activity began at 1 p.m. Each team had to consist of 10 members with the option of being co-ed. A five-minute rest between rounds was allowed for the teams.

Although seven teams signed up and three participated, the crowd was full of energy.

Carmen congratulated those who participated and hoped those in attendance enjoyed it.

Bruce Trail clubs dedicated to walking

People from all walks of life belong to an organization dedicated to the art of walking, the Bruce Trail Association.

The association is made up of nine clubs which each maintain a section of the 430-mile Bruce Trail stretching from Queenston to Tobermory.

The club members organize walks almost every weekend through spring, autumn and winter.

The public is welcome to participate in the walks which range from three to 10 miles.

Leny Holierhoek, a walk leader, said the public is encouraged to get involved in assoiciation activities with the hope they will become interested enough to join.

The average walk lasts 2½ hours and is four to six miles long. Up to 70 people have shown up for a walk but, Mrs. Holierhoek said, the turn-out is dependent on weather conditions. The average turn-out is 15 to 30 people.

In the spring the club hold a Go To Bl azes day during which its members do spring clean-up on the trails and maintain the trail blazes.

Much of the trail crosses private land and once a year the association holds a land-owners' appreciation day to thank them for their contribution.

Membership fees are $15 per year for a single; $18 for a family; $6 for a full-time student and $10 for a senior citizen.

Walk schedules are published in local newspapers every few months, stating the location, difficulty, length, date and time of each walk.

Information about the walks or the Bruce Trail Association is available by calling Mrs. Holierhoek, 685-8916.

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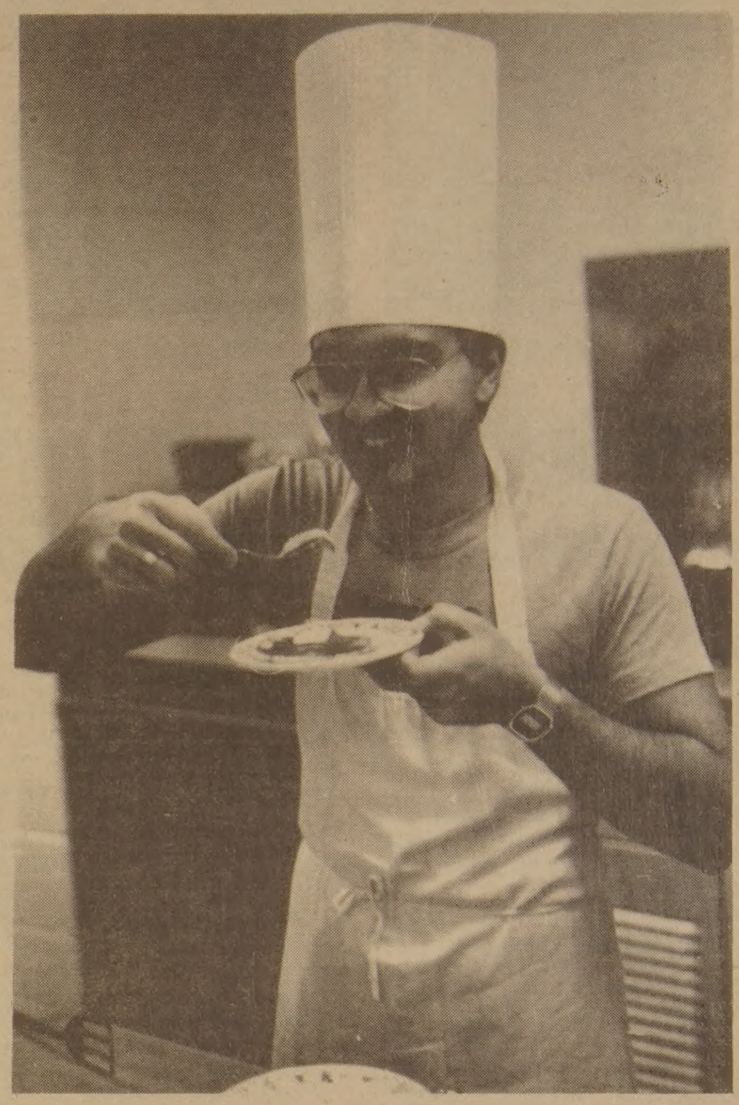
Snowfest fails to draw crowd

The poor turn-out for the pancake breakfast didn't dampen these two hosers. Beth Weldon and Laurie Vanclieaf, both employees from the administration office won first and second prize for their Great White North dress-up.

(Photo by Barrett)



SAC president Carmen Angi makes short work of some of his own cooking as he takes a break from dishing up pancakes during the all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast.

(Photo by Cronin)

Vanishing ice cream

Third-year mechanical engineering students had no problem wolfing down five banana splits in record time to win the Dairy Queen banana-split-eating contest last Tuesday.

The winning relay team of—Denis Noel, 20; Walter Kulakowsky, 22; Steve Marzi, 20; Rick Pinelli, 20; and David Grimo, 21—easily beat their competitors by more than two minutes.

The fruits of victory were sweet for the winners "When we walked in we were pretty confident, even though we ate lunch before the contest," David said.

The competition was played in relays of five-member teams. The first member could not use a spoon or hands to eat the banana split. The next two could use their hands and a spoon while the final member could use neither.

The spectators' response was loud and enthusiastic as they crowded around the 25 competitors in the cafeteria during the double lunch.

SET RECORD

The time of six minutes and 31 seconds established a college record. "If you think we can eat fast you should see us drink," Walter said.

For the first-place relay team, individual trophies were given and their names will be engraved in Niagara College history on a plaque donated by the Student Administrative Council for their new record at the "Banana Bowl."

The banana-split-eating contest was sponsored by Dairy Queen.

SAC president Carmen Angi, said,"I thought it was just fantastic; I'm really grateful to Dairy Queen for sponsoring us."

There will be a play-off between six of the high schools in the area and Niagara College winners some time in April for the city championship, said Andre Champagne, owner of the Dairy Queen on Niagara Street in Welland.

Hoser fever fizzles, only 3 dress up

Hoser fever is a thing of the past if the disappointing turn-out for Great White North dress-up day is any indication.

Three people presented themselves to the judges in the cafeteria last Wednesday, competing for free pub tickets and a plaque.

Beth Weldon of the computer centre was judged the winner of the contest and presented with the plaque by Carmen Angi, Student Administrative Council president.

Last year the Great White North dress-up day was held in conjunction with the Celebrate Canada festival and was very popular.

The judging took place during the pancake breakfast which also suffered a low turn-out.

Hoser Fever may be dead here in Canada, but the Americans are still welcoming Bob and Doug McKenzie. They recently appeared on Saturday Night Live as hosts.

A march on City Hall shouldn't be the only time you get out for a walk.
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Rags to Riches successful, economy reason for theme

By GLORIA RIZZUTI
Staff Writer

The setting was not New York or Paris and the fashions were not Pierre Cardin or Yves St. Laurent designs, but the fashion art students' fashion show, Rags to Riches, proved to be just as glamorous.

The show, opened with second-year students modelling their designs of rags, made of muslin. As the show went on, the designs got progressively better.

The theme of this year's show was chosen by the students after examining the poor economic situation and being inspired by what they hope the world will be. Glamor was the theme.

Commentators for the two shows at noon and 8 p.m. were Brian Hostick and Shiona Thompson, third-year radio and television students.

Own design

The first-year students modelled evening dresses of their own design made of dyed muslin with appliques and motifs. The design and imagination used in the fashions, under the supervision of Louis Berai, fashion instructor, revealed the talent of the students.

SUE SCHROERS

Japanese and Dutch designs, the '50s fashions, fantasies of Hawaiin holidays and Mae West were some influences which inspired some of the designs. One model inspired by the evening hostess concept wore a red hostess dress with a black martini applique, while another inspired by ancient Egypt modelled a slim, pale blue evening gown with the Lower Egyptian pharoah motif.

Each second-year student was expected to design a suit of dyed muslin for another person in the class, tailored to her personality and physique. The variety of suits ranged from Fire in the Night, a black and red suit, to a brown and green woodsy inspired two-piece skirt and jacket. Others included a royal blue two-piece working suit, consisting of a straight-line double-breasted jacket with a slim skirt, and a two-tone brown sports suit, consisting of a jacket and skirt.

The next category—active wear—consisted of about five outfits modelled by second-year students from their own collections. Outfits in this category included a blue velour wraparound kimono with a black belt to be worn at home or on the beach and a grey velour tracksuit with contrasting blue insets for the finished, balanced look. Male escorts, Alan Arsenault, third-year mechanical engineer technician student, and Sam Cirasolo, third-year industrial management student, modelled bright, green rugby pants with beige piping and multi-colored striped t-shirts

Multi-purpose

Sportswear separates, ranging from a Japanese-inspired evening coat accompanied by a black-leather outfit, to a two-piece black and blue short set, and day-wear fashions were the next two categories. Day-wear fashions ranged from a multi-purpose two-piece burgundy wool skirt suit to black jumpsuits suited for office or evening wear.

Simplicity was the key word of the next category. These fashions were designed with good looks and comfort in mind. One outfit included a winter-white pure wool full jacket for easy movement with a black slim skirt.

The lingerie, in the next category, was accentuated with lace, silk trims, and full flowing trains.

Glamor was stressed in the evening wear, the final category. Many of the outfits, made of taffeta, included a pink dance dress and a three-piece suit, consisting of black pants and a kimono, suitable for dancing. Other outfits included a full length gown, inspired by the 30s; and a soft, sleek and sexy beige, jersey knit with a low back. Volume and large bows gave two of the gowns the final touches of elegance.

The male escorts were modelling fashions from BJ's Men's Shops, Niagara Square, Niagara Falls. The models' make-up was by Visage Cosmetics.

Geraldine Parent, first-year fashion arts student, models her full length multicolored dress. This new fashion is worn off the shoulder and is flared at the bottom. Glamor was the theme stressed throughout the whole show which showed everything from mini skirts to evening gowns.
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Mask-making talents

First-year theatre arts student, Marianne Klein, brings to her work the artistic intentness and patience required of stage-property construction. Her mask was created and built at the Niagara Theatre Centre as a term assignment.
(Photo by Freeman)

First time for Mohawk visit

Three Mohawk College faculty members visited Niagara College last Tuesday to watch the fashion arts students' annual fashion show. It marked the first occasion that Mohawk faculty members in the fashion area visited Niagara.

Exchange of visits between Niagara and Mohawk faculty members will probably become more frequent thanks to a joint commitment between the two colleges.

An agreement was signed on Nov. 19 at Niagara by Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College, president, and Keith McIntyre, Mohawk College president, to acknowledge a joint commitment to work towards sharing human and physical resources. This agreement will allow students in certain programs to complete the program at the other college.

Enable

Fashion arts is one of these programs. It is a two-year diploma program at Niagara, but only a one-year certificate course offered through continuing education at Mohawk. This will enable qualified Mohawk students to attend the second year at Niagara to receive their diplomas.

Three Mohawk representatives involved in the fashion arts program—Lillian Gladstone, program director of continuing education; Bonnie Jackson, program manager; and Eunice Swanborough, director of community relations—were at Niagara College on Feb. 1 to watch Rags to Riches, the fashion show produced by Niagara fashion students. It was the first time on the program level fashion arts representatives from Mohawk have come to Niagara, Marie Lynch, fashion arts co-ordinator, said. Ms. Lynch has gone to Mohawk on several occasions.

Interesting

The fashion show was unusual and interesting, Mrs. Gladstone said. There were many different ideas and the girls posed and modelled very well for non-professional models.

Mrs. Jackson said the show was very good—different and unique ideas and the fabrics were used very well, she said.

The fashion students at Mohawk produce two fashion shows per year, one in spring and one in fall, they said.

Poetry reading

P. K. Page, well-known Canadian poet from Victoria, B.C., will give a reading of some of her poems to students at the college on Monday, Feb. 14, at 11.15 in S-211, Simcoe Building. Miss Page won a Governor General's Award for her poetry in 1954, and has published about five books to date.

On behalf of the 2nd year Fashion Arts Students, we would like to thank the following people for their help in the Rags to Riches Fashion Show.

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Audience insulting, performers walk off

By MICHELLE GAGNON and KATHY STEWART
Staff Writers

Angered by repeated insults, two performers at Niagara College's pub Jan. 27, walked off the stage and into a fight outside their dressing room door.

Mike Mandel, mentalist-hypnotist, and Bob Gray, his co-performer, were sitting in their dressing room after leaving the stage when a person attending the pub began insulting them through the door. Bob leapt up from the chair, opened the door, and threw the antagonizer to the floor. Mike pulled Bob off the youth and got him back into the room.

"He was looking right at us—saying things about us," Bob said.

The performers left the stage because Bob was interrupted several times as he attempted to repeat a memorized sequence of numbers. An overzealous spectator persisted in supplying the numbers Bob was trying to remember which spoiled the credibility of his act.

NOT ISOLATED

This interference was not an isolated incident. While blindfolded, Mike attempted to identify a lipstick held between his hands when someone from the audience yelled out the answer.

"If I can't do the best show I can, I'm not going to do one at all," Mike said. "The classic heckler at least knows when he's beaten—this guy wouldn't give up."

Bob said, "Sometimes this job can be so great and sometimes...."

This is only the second time in four years of performing together that Mike and Bob have walked off the stage. "We do so many colleges and universities—this is the first time in a college," Mike said.

'HIT IT OFF'

Mike, 29, and Bob, 29, both from England, met in Colorado in 1979, "hit it off" immediately and have been friends ever since. They do an average of three shows a week in cities from Ottawa to Windsor and live in Toronto with their wives.

The show has taken them across Canada, throughout the United States and as far south as the Dominican Republic. "Southern Ontario is mainly bread and butter," Bob said.

Mike said he had no training but being a hypnotist was a "hobby that became a job." He began practising hypnosis when he was 13, and got his start when a friend arranged for him to do a television show in Edmonton.

Bob is known in the Guiness Book of World Records for his ability to write upside down and backwards, upside down and sideways, with both hands at the same time. He has also memorized the capitals, population and areas of all the countries of the world. "I've always been interested in memory," Bob said.

Feb. 11 social

The Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) will hold a Valentine's Day Social on Friday, Feb. 11, in the cafeteria from 8 p.m. to midnight. It is a joint social with first-year fashion arts students and dental assistant students. Tickets are on sale for $1. For tickets, ask Mike or Brent in the IEEE office.

Remaining pub salary questionable

Students behaved like mature young adults following the walkout of performers at the Jan. 27 pub, Lou DiMattio, staff supervisor at the pub, said. "It could have gotten very unruly."

Mike Mandel, mentalist-hypnotist, and his partner, Bob Gray, a memory wizard, walked off the stage halfway through their show at Niagara College after several students interrupted the show.

"I thought he was very unprofessional," Mrs. DiMattio said. "If that is how he handles a situation like that, one wonders how many performances he has had." Asked why he wouldn't continue the second part of the show, he just laughed, she said.

Deposit

"What I don't understand is why he didn't say something," she said. An indication to the bouncers and they could have easily removed the person in the beginning. "If we had at least gotten a lead, the situation could have been avoided. Otherwise I'm sorry I missed the show."

Mandel was paid a $550 deposit and was to receive the same amount following the show.

"We certainly don't want to pay the whole amount," Mrs. DiMattio said. He did not perform for the time stipulated in the contract, so the question of whether he is paid will have to be worked out between his agents and the college.

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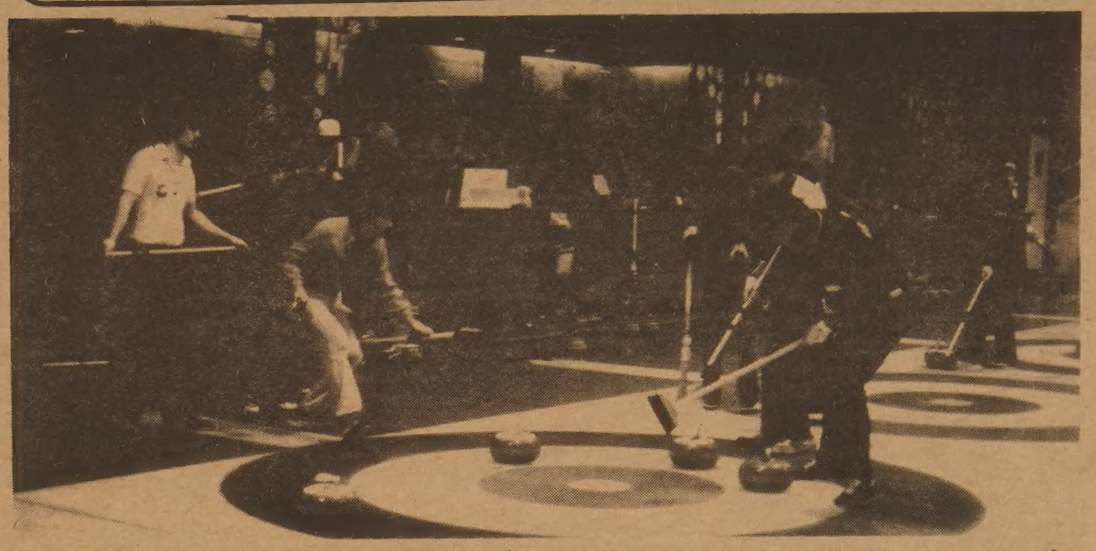


Brooms and brushes go up in mid-air as Niagara's men's curling team takes a closer look at the rock Dan Sebert (in light clothing at far right) shot in to defeat Mohawk 8-7 in Hamilton recently. Mohawk players stand around.
(Photo by Ferguson)

Curlers take bonspiel trophy

The men's curling team left Hamilton with a trophy and four medals after placing first in the men's division at the Hap' Holman Invitational Bonspiel at the Hamilton Thistle Curling Club Sun., Jan. 28. The Knights defeated Mohawk Two 7-3 in the finals.

Also in the 12-team bonspiel were Niagara's two mixed teams. Niagara One placed an overall second while Niagara Two placed fifth.

The men's team was the most impresive of the Knights. With Paul Beldham as skip, the group had superb shots and put up a stiff fight against Mohawk Two, a women's team playing in their division. For a few minutes at one stage of the draw, both teams spent time knocking the other's rocks from the house, but Niagara won even after one of the women made an outside raise and a double roll, miracle shots for her team.

"They had four points before we went into the game," Paul said. According to the point system, teams received a point for each female player even before going into the rink.

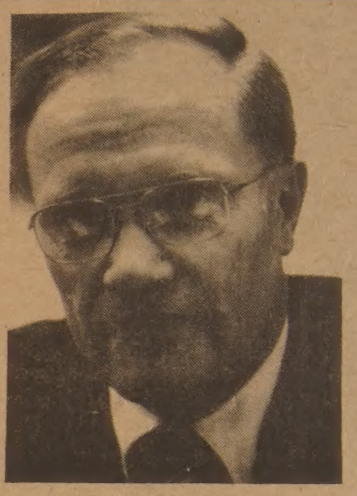
"Don (second) was a new acquisition on our team," Paul said. "Dan Sebert (vice) was excellent and Bill Harris has certainly improved as lead." Challenging Mohawk One in the second draw, they started at a weak pace but improved around the fourth end, making excellent shots and picking up several hammers. They defeated Fanshawe 8-7 in the second game and Mohawk One in the first draw.

Close

Niagara One was strong against Mohawk in the first draw, picking up many hammers. The game was slower than others and it seemed as if the Knights were having difficulty with Mohawk's strong rolls. It was a close draw which Niagara won 26-22. The Knights lost to Fanshawe in their second draw and defeated Mohawk One in the final game.

Niagara Two defeated Mohawk in the second draw but lost 18-34 to Fanshawe in the first one, winning against Mohawk One in the third game. The group played well against Fanshawe, a tough competitior. Many of the Knights' shots fell short and several turned in Fanshawe's favor as they hit Niagara's rocks out of the house.

"It was good preliminary excercise for Western Ontario Regions," coach Bob Young said. He is pleased with the mixed teams and proud of the men's team which "needed a morale booster" after losing the previous bonspiel.



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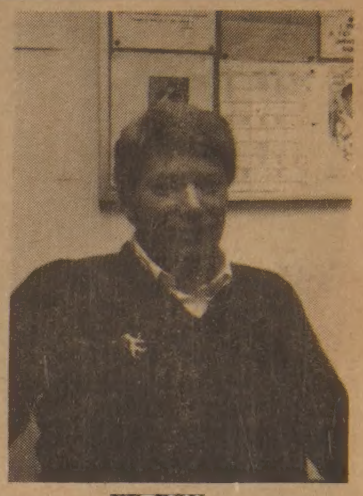

ED FOX

Faculty sportsmen

By GLORIA RIZZUTI
STAFF WRITER

In a society where physical fitness is stressed, it's not surprising that faculty members are just as involved in sports in their spare time as are many students.

Two of them are Ivar Noren, chairman of development and special programs in the school of business, and Ed Fox, math and statistics instructor. Mr. Noren has been involved in rowing since 1956 and is now a member of three rowing organizations. Mr. Fox started playing soccer in his early childhood and is now a member of the Welland Youth Soccer Club.

Mr. Noren started rowing in 1956 in Norway. He left rowing after coming to Canada and felt he should get back into it in 1976 when Welland residents formed the rowing club after the canal was closed, Mr. Noren said.

He is secretary of the South Niagara Rowing Club and he is also treasurer of the Canadian Amateur Rowing association and treasurer of the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association. Mr. Noren has held various executive positions with the South Niagara Rowing Club.

He was introduced to the sport through friends and has enjoyed it since. "The sport provided outstanding physical challenge to the participant," Mr. Noren said. "It demands co-operation of the participants and team spirit."

Rowing demands a tremendous commitment but the rewards are great; they include physical rewards, friendships and the opportunity to travel, Mr. Noren said.

While in Canada, he has travelled to regattas in Ontario, Montreal and the United States. He hopes the opportunity arises to travel out west, but there are not many regattas there, he said.

Rowing demands quite a bit of his time, Mr. Noren said. He does not have much time for other activities because of his direct involvement in the three clubs. Even though the sport demands more time in summer, rowing is a full-year sport.

Mr. Fox has been involved in soccer as far back as he can remember. He was born and raised in Scotland where soccer is as natural to children as street hockey is here, he said.

Mr. Fox has been a coach with the Welland Youth Soccer Club for eight years. He has been president for four terms, and treasurer for the last two terms.

He played for the local amateur league in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., for two years after moving to Canada in 1956. When he moved to the peninsula, he decided to "hang up his boots."

Mr. Fox has two sons, 16 and 14, who are both involved in the soccer club. His oldest son has his referee certificate and his younger son, an above-average soccer player,is on the select team for Welland.

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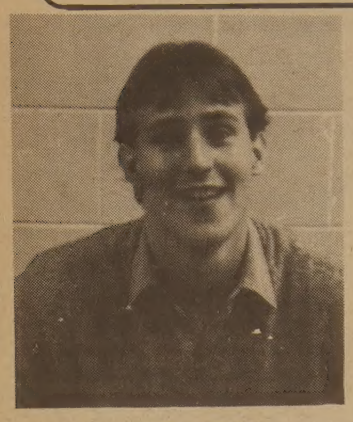

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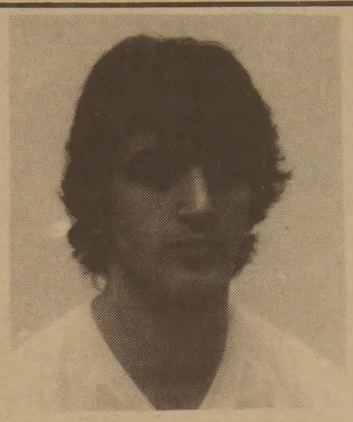

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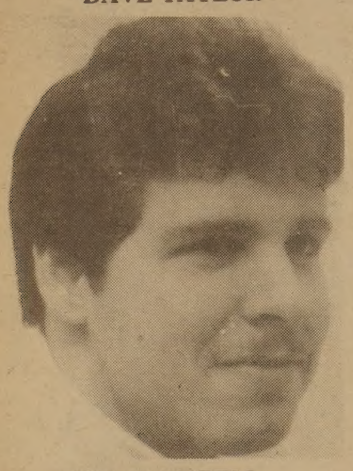

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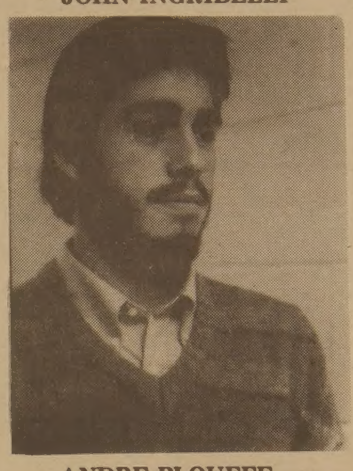

ANDRE PLOUFFE

B-ball player's profile

Interesting people have interesting things to share with interested people. Basketball players bounce basketballs, but they are interesting people, too.

Dave Taylor, Andre Plouffe, John Ingribelli, Don Campbell are on the men's basketball team.

Don and Andre, both from Niagara Falls, are in general college programs while Dave Taylor is a first-year radio and television (R/TV) student. Don, 19, likes to fish, hunt and play all sports. He enjoys rock and new wave music and started playing basket ball in Grade nine, three years after John started.

Tall and easy-going, Don says he likes Niagara College because it is close to his home and offers good courses. He is in second-year general college, and, like Andre, he plans to join the men's League after college.

Andre, 20, plays the piano and loves to have "a good time drinking." He wishes he was a pilot and, asked which rock star he idolizes, he said, "Bruce Springsteen, period!"

Andre is in first-year general college. He likes the college but he thinks there are too many spares on his timetable. He started playing basketball five years ago and wants to be a coach after leaving Niagara.

"I am not tall enough," the amiable athlete said. He is willing to try any sport once, he said.

John chose his program, second-year personnel management because he has worked in a family business for five years. He is a coach during the summer and played soccer and basketball for his former high school.

In his first year on the team, the 20-year-old athlete said he likes southern Ontario better than Sault Ste. Marie, his former northern hometown, because "there are more places to go and more socializing."

John's main goal is to succeed in life and he enjoys listening to music, playing cards and sports. Like the others, he thinks the team is "great" and sees himself as an "average, aggressive" player.

Dave chose his program because of its high job availability on the market. A former student of Concordia University, Montreal, Dave says Niagara College should have a students' centre. Mobility on the university campus was easier, as was the contact between students in residence, he said.

Twenty-three-year-old Dave works at CHSC radio station, having worked at another station, CJRN, for four years. He started playing basketball at age 14 and acquired 23 trophies.

Knights hockey team whips Americans

The men's hockey Knights slaughtered Niagara University from Cheektowaga with a 15-4 victory and repeated their startling feat by whipping St. John Fisher University, Rochester, 16-3 the following night.

Niagara College shot in five goals in the first period, an additional six in the second, and four more in the third against Niagara University. Most of their goals were shot in the second period of the game against St. John Fisher. Shooting in six in the first period, they added two more in the third after acquiring eight in the second.

The Knights outshot St. Fisher and Niagara University 75-21 and 42-38 respectively.

Scoring four goals and three assists for the Knights was Dave O'Laughlin. He tallied the same number against St. John Fisher, tying with Jay Yari in that game.

With 31 goals between both games, Niagara is still in first place in the Intercollegiate Hockey League (ICHL). They have won six games and lost two so far. Kevin Williams, goaltender, has a 4.00 average while other goaltenders Greg Yari and Joe Persia follow with 3.66 and 3.33 averages respectively.

Coach Fred Bassi was proud of his club and said the Knights are performing well this season. The team travelled to Barrie to challenge Georgian College last weekend.

Men's b-ball offence penetrates Falcons

Don Campbell and Paul Weller stole the limelight as they rounded up 38 points between them to help the Knights defeat Fanshawe College 61-52 in the gym last Tuesday evening.

Don had superb rebounds and shot most of Niagara's baskets in the first half. Penetrating Fanshawe's somewhat slack defence, he excelled at quick baskets under the backboard and used his height to Fanshawe's disadvantage. Paul had three consecutive 20-foot shots in the second half, putting Niagara at a 10-point lead. At first, he was not playing well but became more aggressive towards the end of the game. He had 15 points.

Dave Boc tallied nine points and Mark Ford had eight.

Niagara had seven fouls in the first half against Fanshawe's 11. Technical fouls were in Niagara's favor and the frustrated Fanshawe Falcons were unable to make a comeback, even though they moved several points closer to Niagara on a few occasions.

The entire game was rapid but, unlike the previous one against Centennial, the Knights concentrated despite the speed. Fanshawe used a full press court and had several stolen balls which helped them to lose by only nine points.

Basketball Knights hit slump

The Niagara College Knights women's basketball team is experiencing a slump losing to both the Seneca Braves 65-68 and the Fanshawe Falcons 47-65 in their last two games.

During the Seneca game Jan. 28 the Knights were up nine points at half time 33-24. To begin with the Knights played hard and aggressively, but this strength decreased in the second half.

"The numerous turnovers during the second half killed us," coach Russ Stevenson said. Niagara gave up 44 points in the half. With light at the end of the tunnel, Niagara was leading by one point at the one-minute mark, but lost control and ended the game three points behind.

A major factor contributing to Niagara's losses was that two top players on the team fouled out early in the game. In addition, numerous players have injuries.

Carolyn St. Angelo scored 18 points with Dawn Sherar following close behind with 17.

AGAINST FANSHAWE

The Knights did not play well in the first half against the Fanshawe Falcons in the gym last Tuesday. Fanshawe, the league-leaders with eight wins and no losses, did not allow Niagara to penetrate their defence. During the first half, Niagara scored 14 points, only seven baskets.

"If you score 14 points in the first half, you don't win a game," coach Stevenson said. "They are a good bunch of hustlers, but no better than our players."

During the first half, Niagara retrieved a total of three offensive rebounds and made only 22 per cent of their foul shots. The Falcons had complete control of the game during the half.

Again, Carolyn St. Angelo was high scorer with 12 points. Nancy Mather made nine and Coral Whidden eight.

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Niagara Chem Club sponsors career night

The first Careers in Chemistry night, jointly sponsored by the college Chemistry Club and Brock University's Science Club, was held at the college last Tuesday night.

The career night featured a panel of speakers from various fields within the chemistry sector.

Mike Reid, a Niagara graduate now working in the control section of the Ontario Paper Company, spoke to the 35 students attending about his job which involves the standardizing of chemical tests. As many as "200 tests a day are required in some areas of production," he said. He also spoke of the requirements needed for employment positions with his or similar companies.

Dr. Mikio Chiba, an associate professor at Brock who works with the department of agriculture at the Vineland Research Station, spoke about the possibility of careers in chemistry with the federal government. Students have many options as they can apply as chemists or technicians at research facilities at many levels of government.

MARKETING ASPECTS

The vice-president of Niakwa Management Systems, Klaus Westera, spoke about the sales and marketing aspects of the chemistry industry.

Although "admittedly, the students now graduating from chemistry courses don't yet have the people-knowlege required in sales, nevertheless, it is something you might consider working at a few years down the road," he said.

"First you must try to determine what the company is looking for in an individual as a resource and see if you can meet the criteria. If you feel that you do, then it is up to you to sell yourself. Finding a job is not luck but something that must be worked at. The philosophy I personally use is that luck is simply the coming-together of opportunities, talent and initiative. Your career is only limited by your own thoughts. Keep your options open and keep an open mind.

Other speakers on the panel included Tom Fraser, an instructor in the chemical and electrical division at the college; Dr. Roy Duxbury, a research scientist with the 3M Company of Canada; Dr. Carol Drury, a research scientist with Shell Oil Canada; R. Smythe, an independent analytic chemist, and Dr. Mary Richardson, professor at Brock University.

Spending freeze

All spending for purchase of supplies and equipment in college courses has been halted until March 31.

In a memo from Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, supply and equipment accounts for purchases made by college courses for February and March will require the president's approval, Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services, said.

Regional science fair impresses attains international stature

By LETA CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

For 14 years, Frank Caplan, chairman emeritus for the Niagara Regional Science Fair, has been involved with the growth of one of the most impressive Science Fairs in Canada.

Mr. Caplan, a Grade 7 and 8 teacher at Brairdale School, St. Catharine, finds it "very exciting" to be involved with something in which students "can compete at an intellectual level."

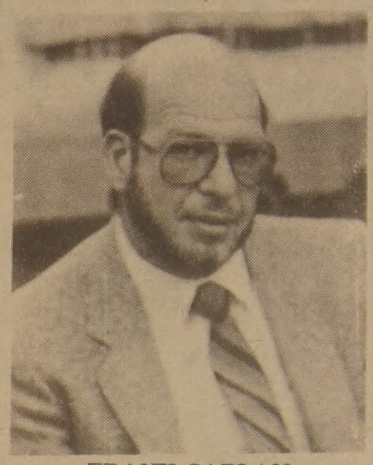
The Science Fair, which involves all of the Niagara Peninsula, up to and including Grimsby, was originally put on by the Jaycees of St. Catharines at Ridley College. Five years ago, Niagara College and Brock University took on the responsibility since the Jaycees could no longer handle it, Mr. Caplan said.

The Science Fair is a "learning experience and that's what we'd like to foster,' Mr. Caplan said. The Science Fair committee seems to be doing just that; in the 21 years the Science Fair has run in the Niagara Region, it has grown from a small fair with fewer than 40 entries to one where there are more than 300 entries every year.

Judge

Mr. Caplan's involvement in the Science Fair began when he was asked to be a judge. He said he found it "very exciting" and stayed with it. Since that time he has been the judging chief, chairman and was elected as "chairman for life" because of his long association with the committee.

Mr. Caplan is a member of the International Science Fair committee. The International Science Fair is put on by the Science Service Board in Washington. He has been working for the International Fair for two years and last year he was elected for a three-year term on the executive. He is the first "foreigner" on the committee.



FRANK CAPLAN

The Niagara Regional Science Fair is one of two fairs in Canada that sends representatives to the International Fair, Mr. Caplan said. The other is the Hamilton Science Fair.

The Niagara Region also sends representatives to the Canada-wide Science Fair. Every year, the committee has managed to send students to these fairs.

Usually there are two students sent to the International Fair and four students sent to the Canada-wide Fair. The Niagara Region has always done "very, very well," Mr. Caplan said.

At the International Fair last year, Lisa Yarmoshuk, a Grade 10 student at Sir Winston Secondary School, St. Catharines, won second place in the Grand Prize, the Gold Medal of the American Army and the U.S. department of agriculture first place award. This entitled her to a week at a military research facility in the States and summer employment in the U.S.

The International Science Fair, held in Houston, Texas, last year, is the only fair in the world where there are more judges than entries, Mr. Caplan said. Last year there were 535 entries and 700 judges.

Last year at the Canada-wide Science Fair, the entries from the Niagara region took two of nine first-place awards, Mr. Caplan said.

Organizing the Science Fair is a year-long responsibility. There is a "nucleus committee", about 20 people, that works for the Science Fair every year. Although there are about 150 volunteers working for the fair.

The Science Fair depends totally on donations. The school board and a few industries are the Science Fair committee's major donors, Mr. Caplan said.

At the Niagara Regional Science Fair there are about 80 judges each year. There is a judging committee and a judging chief who arranges the judging staff, the committee to pick people who are "good with kids" and "show an interest in them," Mr. Caplan said.

Interviews

The Science Fair in Niagara has a computer programming judging system. Each judge is responsible for a certain number of entries. After judging, the results are entered into a computer and the student receives his marks from each judge, with an average mark. The judge interviews each student before making a final mark.

The Science Fair consists of more than just the judging of the students' projects. Judging day is divided into two sections: judging of projects, and seminars and workshops. Last year the Science Fair had a snake exhibit of more than 60 snakes, a chemistry lab tour, a computer workshop, a gambling workshop and a presentation by the Ambulance Service on First Aid and cardio-pulminary resuscitation, Mr. Caplan said.

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